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### *Field o' Gold*

Eugene Butzer, head of the tool design department, raises daffodil and iris bulbs as a hobby and sideline. About three years ago, he bought an 11-acre farm one mile east of Orient on Bluff Road. It is now known as "Rose Hill Bulb Farm." This loamy soil is well suited to raising either strawberries or bulbs, and his preference was, of course, bulbs.

He now has  $\frac{3}{4}$  acre in daffodils, including Helios, King Alfred, Queen of the North, Youngfrau, Lawrence Koster, Spring Glory and Silver Star. These vary in color from pale to deep yellow, and in size and shape of the bell. The field pictured above is the King Alfred variety.

There is also  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre planted in Dutch Iris, including Blue Wedgewood, Yellow Queen, Dark Blue Imperator and White Excelsior varieties.

Daffodil bulbs are planted in August and September in trenches 6 inches deep and in double rows 3 inches apart. The rows are 36 inches apart to facilitate cultivation and keeping weeds to a minimum. They bloom in March. The bulbs are

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Eugene Butzer

## Iron Man News

By Adolph Freeman

This is an introductory editorial with no special subject matter—a little of this and that. Why is everybody afraid to write an editorial? I had planned to have a guest editorial for this issue, but after trying and not being able to find any "guests"—here goes. One of the answers I received was, "An editorial by me would be mediocre." So what? We don't expect the shop to be full of budding geniuses. No one expects a second "Gettysburg Address"—just plain everyday talk about some wholesome subject is all that's necessary.

To you future guest editorialists, I might mention that our editorial policy is to avoid such highly controversial subjects as religion, politics and scandal. "What else is there to write about?" someone else asked. I came back at him real snappy-like, "Lots of things. For instance, you could write about—mmm. That is—well—you could say—well, lots of things."

Seriously, though, safety campaigns of all kinds, such as safety at work, living safely and sanely at home, safe driving, etc., cannot be stressed too much. Some of the department heads ought to be good for some words on efficiency, punctuality and things of that nature. How about something on the value of hobbies and sports in this busy world as far as mental and physical health is concerned? Now that the forest-fire season is approaching, there's a good opportunity for some future "Guest" to tell us how to play our parts, when on week-end camping trips or vacations, in keeping our forests green. (Keep them as green as the Editor—I don't mind; it's for a good cause.)

In closing, I want to say "Hello" to my friends at Plant No. 1 and thanks for the votes at Heating Control.



Adolph Freeman



**FOR SALE**—Hercules hot water heater and tank. Like new. See Adolph Olson, tool room.

**FOR SALE**—Womens beginners set of golf clubs. 4 clubs and a bag. See Bruce Fields, assembly.

**FOR SALE**—Smith & Wesson 38. Very reasonable. See Frank Duncan, automatics.

**FOR SALE**—White roller shoe skates, size 8. Like new. See Cora Moore, Engineering dept.

**FOR SALE**—Two brand new Philco car radios with universal mountings. Fifteen percent off list price. See Ernest Michel in the tool room at Heating Control about them if interested.

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Tom Cleland still needs a house.

**DO YOU KNOW** that employees are entitled to a special substantial discount on furnaces and oil burners, providing it is for their own use? For further information, contact the Personnel Office in Plant 1 or Mr. Strong Heating Control.

## "You Bet Your Life"

Editor's Note: Now that nice weather and vacation time is leading so many to extra driving, this seemed a most timely message. We should all consider this very seriously before we lose the bet and become a statistic.

40,000,000 automobile drivers, some good and some bad.

140,000,000 pedestrians, including the very young, the very old, the lame, the halt and the blind.

34,000,000 automobiles, some new, some old, and many ready to fall apart, 3,000,000 miles of highways, with many a hazard in every mile.

Add all these together and you have America's traffic lottery, a complex game of life and death in which each one of us, willing or not, must have a hand.

Last year, 33,900 were killed and more than 1,300,000 injured in U. S. street and highway accidents, according to figures compiled by The Travelers Insurance Companies. It was a year in which most of us did not yet have that new car and those new tires with which to drive as frequently, or as fast, or as far as we might have liked. But the casualties were heavier than in any year since 1941. Why?

Most of the 1946 dead and injured were killed or hurt because they took a chance. They didn't pause to consider the risk because they didn't expect to lose. They did lose.

What of this year? This month? Today?

Some will lose because they are willing to take a chance, no matter how great the odds. Others will lose because they have not learned the game well enough to play it safely. Your stake in this lottery is high. It is up to you to make certain you do not lose.

Remember this: when you gamble in traffic, you bet your life.

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## Bowling Banquet Review

By George Porter

The tenth Iron Fireman Bowling League banquet is nothing but a smorgasbord now. A good time was had by all, and apparently the chicken and french fries were to everyone's liking. (They didn't last very long.)

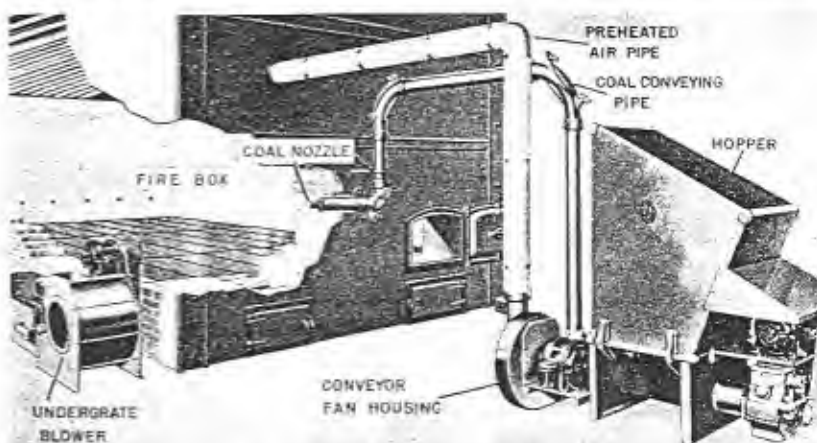
After the officers report, Earl Winkler introduced the eight men who have bowled for ten years with the Iron Fireman League. They are Bill Packer, Earl Winkler, Charles Duffy, Terry Lowry, Al Schwerin, Ted Kinney, Al Hoffmeister and George Porter.

Following this, the prizes were given out and while they were being given out a few stunts were pulled. Ray Rigutto was given a toy hook and ladder fire engine and Bob La Fortune, a toy gun. Wayne Strong received three little bowling pins to fill in his 597 series to an even 600. Tom Cleland blushed, but he can't say he was forgotten. His fellow bowlers are his friends. (Oh, Yeah.) Jim Piehl was presented a milk bottle with a sign on it which said, "Jim Piehl's sinking fund—if you didn't get paid off, help yourself." A few pennies were in the bottle but by the end of the evening both pennies and bottle had disappeared.

Fred Hansen must have heard what was in store for him, as he didn't show up, so the check for \$10,000,000 was torn up. Someone had overlooked signing it anyway. Al Miller, who has served as our foul man all season, was presented a box of cigars. Al is a very good foul man and his help is appreciated by every bowler.

Last but not least was the "Railroaders Report" by Rudy "Casey Jones" Sott. As has been the custom for at least ten years, the officers were nominated, elected and drinking their coffee in about 50 seconds flat. This year it was going to be different, a nice honest election. But was it?

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Series 51 Pneumatic Spreader Stoker

## IRON FIREMAN'S EXCLUSIVE STOKER

Pictured above is the Iron Fireman Pneumatic Spreader Hopper Model Stoker. This particular model is hopper fed, but these stokers are also made in Coal-Flow models which convey the coal from the bin direct to the furnace. The Spreader Stokers are especially designed to burn all types of coal, even lignite and low grade bituminous, which are usually very difficult to burn. This is made possible by the method in which the coal is supplied to the furnace.

The Pneumatic Spreader does not work on the Underfeed principle as do the other stokers. As the coal leaves the hopper or conveyor it is caught in a blast of air which carries it up through the overhead pipe to the furnace and grates. The small particles (or fines) are burned in mid-air and the heavier pieces are spread evenly over the fuel bed. Since the coal is mixed so thoroughly with air, and because of the shallow fuel bed, complete smokeless combustion is obtained. There is a minimum of soot and clinkers. The user is insured of a clean boiler room—as boiler rooms go.

The Pneumatic Spreader is used for

all industrial installations, for heating boilers in apartments and hotels, for furnishing steam for canneries, tobacco by-products plants, paper mills, generating electric power and central heating systems.

For a number of reasons the Pneumatic Spreader is ideally suited for industrial uses. It is a simple mechanism of heavy steel construction which insures continuous operation. It can be located anywhere within a 30 inch radius of the front of the boiler or on the floor above or below the boiler floor, and is perhaps the most easily installed stoker. The construction of the Spreader allows a clear working space in the boiler room. The previously mentioned low fuel bill factor is another reason why these stokers are in every type of industry.

The Pneumatic Spreader is an exclusive Iron Fireman invention and was entirely developed in the Portland Engineering Department. There is not another stoker made like it, which is perhaps one more reason why Iron Fireman is the leading stoker manufacturer in the United States.



Al Miller gets his cigars. Ted Kinney and Bob Chambers were good bartenders. Chef Banta gets the money for his winning team.





## STRICTLY PERSONAL



Tamsen Anne Pearsall, Jacqueline and Betty Grubke.

Fearless Fosdick Schwerin and Sherlock Holmes Lowry are charter members of Portland's "Crime Stoppers." One evening from their upstairs watch tower they spied a suspicious character emerging from Plant 2. They saw this trespasser throw something down, cover it over and leave. Fearless and Sherlock promptly investigated and found a wallet belonging to Charles Shepherd. The police were informed and within a few hours the unworthy raider was mumbling to himself that crime does not pay.

Mayne Read has been coming to work with a blond lately. Says he is tired of brunette coloring, so he had his car painted light yellow.

Probably first on the list for 1947 vacations was Al Wallace, who hitched his right on to the Cleveland Convention trip. One of those Buick ads must have convinced him because while in the Mid-West he bought a light grey one and proudly displayed it from Washington, D. C. to New York and all the way across the country to Portland.

Ernie Webb, the engineering service manager, who makes his headquarters in Cleveland, has been seen around the Portland plants this month.

Hugh Russell (Accounting) is being mighty cautious with his new "hot rod." In fact, he was stopped for going too slow. He may try to excuse himself by saying that he was explaining the instrument panel to some passengers.

What with the family being away and nothing else to do, Mr. Banfield surprised the office a couple of weeks ago by being practically the first one to arrive in the morning. Let's hope no one picked that morning to pull a "Dagwood" or a "Lushwell" as so often epitomized in the cartoons of the daily press.

Bob Chambers, T.T., is now ready to go into business on the side. By long and diligent study he obtained his T.T. Degree (Tie Tier) and is qualified to deliver a very elegant Windsor knot to any ties presented him. Please patronize your local industry.

We all know John Lenke is a man of many and varied abilities but at that, we were surprised the other day to hear him summoned from the far end of the building to take a mouse out of a trap for Stevie. John must be really good to rate over all the other assorted gents who visit First Aid each day. We always say the good man will always be in demand.

Ed Hughes claims to be the first to sell strawberries in the shop. He also expects some other firsts the way his garden is coming on.

Why on earth did Esther Hensel join the Oregon Journal Juniors???

We all remember that grade school conundrum, "What is the difference between the local belle and a seamstress?" Of course we can all say Agnes Heuker "Seems so nice," but probably it is news to us that her daughter Therese (just turned sweet sixteen) "Sews seams nice." At least Therese sews well enough to place second in Mary Cullen's recent sewing contest.

Lois Jones is trying awfully hard to scoop the rest of us on a summer tan, but will she make it?

Retail welcomes Ed LaFortune, our latest addition to the Sales Force. His many years of training in the factory will make his job of salesman easier, and his personality and enthusiasm will be a valuable asset.

Marvel Justice is the newest member of the Production-Planning department.

A swanky chap applied at the recruit office to enlist. "I suppose you want a commission," said the officer. "No thanks," was the reply. "I'm such a poor shot I'd rather work on a straight salary."

He: "Can you draw?"

She: "Yes, a little."

He: "Then draw a little closer."

Remember when Uncle Sam could live within his income and without yours?



Dott Zanotto is proudly displaying a diamond of such size she has to tie it on.

## Mac's Musings

By Arnet McBroom

✓ One advantage in growing older is that one becomes less personal about common everyday occurrences.

For example I used to think if it rained on a day when I wanted to do something that did not require rain, it was because the weather man was playing a trick on me. I know better now. It would have rained regardless of my plans. I used to think that taxi-drivers and other motorists were trying to kill or cripple me. Now I know they would be just as happy to run over somebody else. I used to think chairs in the dark had it in for me. They haven't—they are just there when I come in.

In short I am getting mellow; I can assure those who are considering following suit that it is fun to be mellow.

## Strictly Personal

Art Peterson of the tool room is not being noisy about it but nevertheless, he is a very proud dad. For the second year his boy, Don, was chosen to play on the city All-Star baseball team against the up state All-Stars. Don attends Roosevelt High, where he is a third baseman. The game was May 24 at Vaughn Street. Maybe some of you saw it.

We are sorry to hear that Firmino Ceresca's wife has been seriously ill. At last reports she was definitely better, and she has all our wishes for a speedy recovery.

Bob Harris and Lee Staben are now to be found in the tool room. It is nice work for those who can do nice work. Congratulations, fellows.

Welcome to George Keller, trucker, and Jack Hecker, welder.

The girls from Plant 1 surprised Norma Norris with a bridal shower at the home of Margaret Saunders on May 21. Things got off to a flying start with Katy Sims riding the rug!

It all started with Evelyn Elkin's leaving the end of this month to join her husband in Farragut. Anna Hohnstein is now working for Mr. Hecox and Esther Hensel is replacing Anna in Ted Bryant's department. Quoth Mr. Bryant: "Work for me and go to the top." Rosalind Waterworth has Esther's former job in Material Control. We will miss you, Evvie.

Eight dollars is a lot for one rabbit, Arline Nicoll.

Beautifying the parking lot is Elver Unis' new blue 1947 Chev.

Helen Pienovi (Bonds) was seen talking to John Leake. In a few minutes John Leake was seen talking to Cliff Snyder and in a few days a Candy Canteen was seen in the first floor office.

Jeanette Lux corresponds with a 16 year old boy in Africa. Are men that scarce in the States, Jeanette?

Betty Howell, ex-employee of the shop and office, has a new baby girl—Julie Anne. Betty and baby are fine, and Auntie Doris Seibert is slowly recovering.

We're all glad to see that Roy Englund is back and not looking any worse for wear either.

Ruby Peterson and Evonne Larsen can hardly wait until the end of the month when they fly to California, mainly Hollywood. Have a good time, kids, but remember Van and Frankie are both married.

Jimmy Fitzpatrick wanted a nice lawn and after it was in, the moles moved in. The best and greenest parts, too. Now the Mrs. is dreaming of a moleskin coat and Jimmy wants a sure-fire mole eradicator.

Al Shankland has much the same trouble, but his digger makes a bigger hole than any mole. Just plug up one hole and he comes up somewhere else. Usually among the choicest plants. Al set a trap once and now he wants his trap back.

We have noticed your friendship ring move from the right hand to the left, Perle.

## Home on Vacation



Elizabeth Nelson, who used to work in the Personnel office, stopped in a short time ago. For the last 10 months, she has been a stewardess for the Pan-American Airlines, and judging from her conversation, is very much interested in her work.

All her flights are in 44-passenger DC-4's, with one stewardess and one purser assigned to each ship. Scheduled flights cover all of Central America and the Caribbean area, and the north and east coasts of South America.

Among the interesting places she has seen are the night clubs in Panama City and the American section in Balboa. She has been in Havana about 60 times, but never saw much of it since their stop there was so short.

In Curacao in the Netherlands West Indies, there was a big celebration on the birth of Princess Julianne's daughter. All the school children were out, and there were parades and lots of flag waving. However, the calypso singers most impressed Elizabeth.

The place she likes best of all, though, is Guatemala. The altitude is high, and it is cool and very clean. She found herself stranded there for about 10 days when her plane left without her—change in schedule. So she made the most of it and while there learned to speak Spanish, the pure Castilian form which is spoken in that area. In other places, it is often mixed with French or Dutch or some other form. The natives there are pure Mayan and are very tiny, averaging about five feet in height. They are very colorful and the women are very beautiful. Elizabeth especially liked to visit the Indian square where the natives would market their products. Some of them would travel hundreds of miles to sell their things in this market.

## VITALISTICS

### STORK CLUB:

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berg, shop Plant 1, a daughter, Pamela Kay, 7 lb. 8 oz., May 22.

### ENGAGEMENTS:

Ed Richards, Tool Room, Plant 1, to Edith Clair Moore.  
Dott Zanotto, Mail Girl, Plant 1, to Harold Bauer.  
Helen Manning, Assembly, Heating Control, to Norman Pilsand.

### WEDDING BELLS:

Alma Strayer, Heating Control, to William Keyes, April 30.  
Arnold Jensie, Parts Clerk & Dispatcher, Retail Sales, to Marilyn Haynie, May 17.

### CONDOLENCE:

To Bill Tanna, Assembly Foreman, Plant 1, on the death of his mother.

## T H E R M O - S T A T I C S

A baby shower was given for Mrs. Lewis (Nina) Peake, former employee, at the home of Verna Dobson May 8th. Those who attended were Nina Peake, Helen Sepich (former I. F. employee), Madeline Dixon, Erna Nelson, Beatrice Hunt, Zora Richards, Waive Norman, Vonleah Johnson and Verna Dobson.

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Wouldn't you like to have—

Lois Rieschel's smile

George Schaffer's patience

Vonleah Johnson's hands

Bill Boaz' eyelashes

Winnie Andrew's snappy brown eyes.

Zora Richards' calm, unruffled manner.

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If you want Waive Norman and Josephine Donato in a hurry, yell "Fire" and get out of the way.

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Nellie Hickman had a birthday May 9th. Ruth Cahill brought a lovely home-made cake, and the girls forgot about calories for the day.

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"Ole" overslept the other morning. Dagwood might beat his record of one-half-hour getting to work—but we doubt it.

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It keeps Joe Goring busy opening and shutting windows to keep the punch press gang happy.

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Some people will do anything for money—but work.

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David Eaker and Warren Waterman have been given the honor of attending the city traffic school where they were taught not to jay-walk across Powell Blvd. Let's don't be the next one.

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Pete Glivinski of Machine Shop claims that dog days are here early this year. If you are doubtful about this, he will, with a little coaxing, give you his reasons.

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Stefanie Klar is home and feeling fine after spending some time in the hospital.

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Ruth Draper will soon return to the hospital. Good luck, Ruthie!



Maybe they would if you saw to it your reporters heard more about you.

Annie Poletick is proudly telling her friends about her first grandson. He was born May 3, 1947, and weighed 7 lbs. and 1 oz. And she doesn't want you to forget the 1 oz. His name is William Arnold Poletick. We understand the heir's father is quite a singer and plans to have William follow in his footsteps. You should know how his lungs are by this time. Pop, do you think he will make the grade?

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Polly Shown is getting along just grand and expects to leave the hospital in another week. Good luck, Polly, and we wish you every happiness in your coming marriage.

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Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Gehrts celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary May 10th.

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After listening to all the rumors that are flying, all I can say is—"Why take life seriously? You never come out of it alive, anyhow!" M. Roberts.

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We hope that Percy Foust of Machine Shop, who has been absent for some time due to injury, will be back at work soon.

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Glen Gray took his family to Agate Beach Sunday. When asked if he saw any pretty girls, he replied, "No girls, too windy, this was a strictly business trip." Shy or sly, Glen? He purchased some myrtlewood, so get your order in early for that lamp. He makes some beauties, also book ends.

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Alice Gates leaves May 28th on an auto trip to Nebraska.

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Suggestion—White Elephant Exchange column.

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Emma Lord is leaving June 6th on a motor trip to Missouri.

Eileen Hurr has returned from a two weeks' trip to Minnesota. She likes it here the best. Too cold back there. What did she see interesting on her trip? A trainload of soldiers. Only cost her \$.55, so I guess the soldiers saw her, too.

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News of an old friend:

Floyd Hibbard has a very successful hardware business in Eugene. He is feeling fine now.

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Myra Taylor has left to join her husband in Taft where they have bought a new home.

Vot is ethics, son? Well, I will show you. Suppose a lady comes into the store, buys a lot of goods, and pays me ten dollars too much when she goes out. Then ethics comes in. Should I or should I not tell my partner?

## FIELD O' GOLD

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dug in July, then dried and sorted. They are fumigated with a strong cyanide gas to prevent disease. Marketing size is between 5 and 8 inc around.

Iris bulbs are planted in October and bloom in May and June. How during growth, the foliage of Dutch Iris must be frequently sprayed with Bordeaux to prevent disease. Fumigation is not effective for iris bulbs. Market size is 2 1/2 to 4 inches around.

For best results, the ground must be kept in a powdered condition. His equipment includes a Ford-Ferguson tractor, with cultivator and planter. He is also working on designs for a planter and digger to meet his particular needs.

## Bowling Banquet Review

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Ask Bob Chambers. Terry Lowry, Ed LaFortune and George Porter turned over the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively, to George Porter, Max Richardson and good old Bob Chambers.

The officers of the Iron Fireman Bowling League wish to thank all the bowlers for their cooperation and good sportsmanship during the past season and to assure each of you it was a pleasure to serve as your officers.

For any further information regarding the banquet, contact either Frank Duncan, Don Glutch or Bus Hall. They will be glad to give you the low-down.